

# State Profile: Alabama

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## Program Funding and Participation

### *Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)<sup>1</sup>*

Funding	
CCDF Expenditure:	\$88,416,748
Federal Expenditure:	\$74,158,613
State Expenditure:	\$ 14,258,135
Participation	
Average Monthly Number of Children Served:	26,800
Average Monthly Number of Families Served:	14,000

### *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)<sup>2</sup>*

Funding	
TANF – Total Child Care Expenditure:	\$ 2,000,000
TANF – Direct Expenditure on Child Care:	\$0
TANF – Transfer to CCDF:	\$ 2,000,000

### *Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)<sup>5</sup>*

Funding	
CACFP Funding:	\$ 34,711,381
Participation	
Number of participating family child care homes:	1,078
Number of participating child care centers:	749
Average daily participation of children in family child care homes:	5,918
Average daily participation of children in child care centers:	34,849

### *Child Care Tax Credits<sup>6</sup>*

Funding	
Federal Total Amount Claimed:	\$ 54,991,000
Federal Number of Claims:	105,303
State Tax Credit Available:	No
State Credit Refundable:	No

## Head Start<sup>3</sup>

Funding	
Head Start State Allocation:	\$110,249,206
Participation	
Number of Children Participating in Head Start:	16,218

## State-Funded Prekindergarten<sup>4</sup>

Funding	
State Expenditure:	\$ 17,374,590
Participation	
Enrollment (3 and 4 year olds):	3,384

## CCDF Policies

CCDF State Profile	
<a href="#">FY 2010–2011 CCDF State Profiles</a>	

## Quality

### Licensing Process<sup>7</sup>

Child Care Facilities	Number	Capacity
Child Care Centers	1,217	0
Small Family Child Care Homes	933	0
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	384	0
Other Licensed Facilities:	0	0
Total:	2,534	0

Licensing Agency Staff	
Number of Licensing Line Staff	27
Estimated Caseloads	45:1

Types of Routine Compliance Inspections Conducted	Announced	Unannounced
Child Care Centers	No	Yes
Small Family Child Care Homes	No	Yes
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	No	Yes

Frequency of Inspections	
Child Care Centers	Once every 2 years
Small Family Child Care Homes	Once every 2 years
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	Once every 2 years

Licensing State Profile
<a href="#">Alabama Licensing Profile</a>

## Program Quality<sup>8</sup>

Program Standards	
State has program standards that are at least one level above licensing	No
Standards are part of an implemented quality rating and improvement system (QRIS)	No
Standards are part of a QRIS pilot or QRIS in development	No
Standards are part of another statewide quality improvement initiative	No

Program Supports	
State provides technical assistance/consultation to help programs improve quality	No
TA is part of a QRIS	No
State has an accreditation facilitation project	No
State has health consultants	Yes
State has infant/toddler specialists	No
State has school-age care specialists	No
State has inclusion specialists	No
State has mental health specialists	No
State has support for family, friend, and neighbor caregivers	Yes

Quality Assurance	
State is using environment rating scales to measure quality (ECERS, FCCRS, SACERS, ITERS)	No
State is using the Program Administration Scale or Business Administration Scale (PAS/BAS)	No
State is using other assessment tools, i.e., Early Learning and Literacy Classroom Observation (ELLCO) or Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)	No
Program assessments are part of a QRIS	No

Financial Incentives	
State has enhanced rates/tiered reimbursement tied to quality	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards to help meet licensing requirements	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards for working toward levels of quality	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards for achieving levels of quality	No
Financial incentives are part of a QRIS	No

Consumer Engagement	
State has a Web site for parents with information about quality	No
State publishes quality ratings on the Internet or in print	No
State publishes information about licensing compliance on the Internet	No
State conducts consumer engagement campaign with a focus on quality	No

Quality Rating and Improvement System
No program

## ***Professional Development Systems<sup>9</sup>***

Core Knowledge/Competencies	
State has defined core/knowledge competencies for practitioners	Yes

Qualifications, Credentials, Pathways	
State has a career lattice/ladder	Yes
State has a practitioner registry	No
State has credentials (e.g., director, early childhood, school-age, infant/toddler, etc.)	Yes

Quality Assurance	
State has a trainer approval system	No
State has a training approval system	No

Access and Outreach	
State has mentoring/coaching to help practitioners improve their skills	No
State has career advising	No
State has a database or calendar of training opportunities on the Internet	Yes

Funding for Practitioners	
State has scholarships, including TEACH Early Childhood® Project	Yes
State has wage supplements/incentive bonuses	No

Professional Development System
<a href="#">Alabama Pathways to Quality Care and Education</a>

## Early Learning Guidelines<sup>10</sup>

Age Group		Early Learning Guidelines
Birth to 3 years	No	
3 to 5 years	No	
Birth to 5 years	Yes	<a href="#">Alabama Early Learning Guidelines</a>

## Demographics

### Children and Families<sup>11</sup>

Population Statistics	
Total population:	4,708,708
Number of children under 5:	313,871
Total number of children under 18:	1,126,175
Children under 5 as a percent of population:	6.67%
Children under 18 as a percent of population:	23.92%

Poverty Rate Estimates	
Children under 5 in poverty:	28.98%
Children under 18 in poverty:	24.68%

Children Living in Working Families	
Percent of children under 6 living with working parents:	22.06%
Percent of children ages 6-17 living with working parents:	48.85%

### Workforce<sup>12</sup>

Workforce Statistics	
Number of paid employees in child care establishments	12,612
Number of self-employed child care providers	6,953
Average annual wage for child care workers	\$ 17,560

## State Contacts Directories

<a href="#">CCDF Lead Agencies</a>
<a href="#">Licensing Agencies</a>
<a href="#">Professional Development Contacts</a>
<a href="#">Child Care Resource and Referral Contacts</a>
<a href="#">Other State Contacts</a>

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